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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DCI
AND REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE H. MAHON (TEXAS).

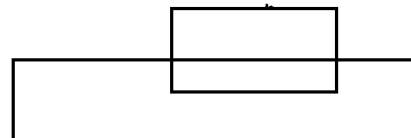
The Director called Representative Mahon re the budget presentation which is scheduled for Monday, March 28th. The Director and Mr. Mahon exchanged greetings and then discussed the new CIA headquarters building, which Mr. Dulles offered to show to the Congressman any time Mr. Mahon had the time. They also discussed the new road leading to the building, and the Director praised Mr. Mahon for having gotten the money for building this road and said Mr. Mahon should be very proud of it.

They then directed their conversation to the upcoming budget meeting, and the Director said he was doing his homework, and stated that he had been instructed to bring only one person with him to the hearing on Monday. Mr. Mahon said he understood this to be the Chairman's wish, and that he didn't understand it at all. Mr. Dulles said that he "was very wise" but that he didn't purport to know everything in the Agency, and that he would like very much to bring some of his experts with him who knew all the details.

Mr. Mahon suggested that the Director bring his experts with him and put them in another room in the Capitol, and then tell the Chairman that he had asked some of his people to stand by in case they were needed to help on some details. The Director said there were some very sensitive things which he could talk to the Committee alone on, and that perhaps the wisest thing would be to have his people alerted, and to go up alone with just one person as the Chairman had requested; and then after a brief talk with the Committee members, have the others come in for a more detailed discussion.

Mr. Mahon agreed that this might be the best course, and said he looked forward to seeing the Director on Monday.

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